

Latino Modern Dance Troupes Celebrate Heritage, Not Columbus

By Michael Phillips
THE SALT LAKE TRIBUNE

Susana Reyes spreads her arms like wings and flutters her fingers until a shrill note from the pan-pipe halts her tiptoed flight across stage.

In "Flight of the Curiqueque," the dancer soars like the Andean bird of good omen that stays above the clouds.

"The indigenous people described the Spanish conquest as a storm that blocked the midday

sun and turned everything to darkness," she said. "Five hundred years later and we still are a culture in flight."

Ms. Reyes directs Ecuador's Quebradanza dance troupe, one of three Latino modern dance

companies to perform this week at American Dance Festival West.

The 500th anniversary of Columbus' voyage to the New World has vaulted a number of Latin American dance companies this season to festivals in Europe and the United States. To Ms. Reyes and many of her colleagues, however, the quinquennial is nothing to celebrate.

"I am hurt by festivals that celebrate the meeting of two cultures," Ms. Reyes said. "The Spaniards conquered us. It was the violation of one culture by another. I don't dance for Columbus."

She ignores themes of conquest, drawing inspiration instead from her Andean heritage: native birds, myths and the energy and beauty of her female ancestors.

Venezuelan Hercilia Lopez, whose company Contradanza opens the festival Monday along with Diquis Tiquis, a Costa Rican troupe, will perform three solos, including Martha Clarke's "Nocturne."

"I look to my Caribbean roots, Venezuelan pop culture or even

Dance Festival May Feature Nude Performers

American Dance Festival West is bringing companies from around the world to perform in Utah. But some participants in this Olympics of modern dance reportedly will wear costumes made by the gods. (See related story on E-1).

The renowned Pilobolus Dance Theatre is expected to perform a work in the nude at Salt Lake City's Capitol Theatre. The respected Japanese-born team Eiko & Koma, slated

at the University of Utah, often dance their minimalist pieces au naturel.

When festival officials learned these companies might dance naked, they opted to inform patrons rather than censor an art form.

Box office employees called the 350 people who had purchased advance tickets for Pilobolus and Eiko & Koma. Not one ticket has been returned.

— Ann Poore

WEATHER REPORT

Today's Report Compiled by Martin Renzhofer



NORTHERN UTAH

If you've got access to a swimming pool, use it. If you don't, then next-best thing would be a small blow-up wading pool because a high of 100 is in the forecast. A high pressure system will remain over the Great Basin into Monday with patchy tropical moisture. It will be partly cloudy, with a chance of afternoon or evening thunderstorms. Wind gusts should be near any storm.

SOUTHERN UTAH

Lake Powell should be full of swimmers trying to beat today's forecast high of 104. Even the area's low is high—76 degrees. The region will be covered by variable clouds through Monday with a slight chance of afternoon and evening thunderstorms. There may be wind gusts with the storms, but southerly winds should still reach 10 to 20 mph. Cedar City has a 20% chance of rain.

LUNAR PHASES



WASATCH FRONT 5-DAY FORECAST

The week's forecast along the Wasatch Front should include plenty of hot temperatures, some clouds and possible rain. Highs through Thursday should remain in the 90s, with lows expected to stay in the low to mid-60s. Although the forecast also calls for fair conditions, afternoon and evening moisture could form near the mountains.

DIXIE 5-DAY FORECAST

Southern Utah's forecast calls for fair to partly cloudy conditions with widely scattered afternoon and evening thunderstorms Tuesday and Wednesday. Conditions should be mostly dry on Thursday with highs generally in the 100s. Highs should cool slightly Thursday. Lows throughout the week should continue to stay in the low to mid-70s.

CANYONLANDS 5-DAY FORECAST

Canyonlands and Moab will have partly cloudy conditions today and Monday with isolated afternoon and evening thunderstorms mainly near the mountains. Highs near or at 100 degrees could be normal this week, while lows should remain in the 60s. However, the clouds should clear away somewhat beginning Tuesday. But the chance of afternoon or evening thunderstorms will continue.

DAILY ALMANAC

Precipitation this month	0.00
Precipitation since Oct. 1, 1991	11.36
Accumulative deficit	2.16
Utah high	107 at St. George
Utah low	38 at Randolph
Normal high/low for this date	94/63 degrees
Record high for this date	102 degrees in 1979
Record low for this date	49 degrees in 1932
Sunrise/Sunset today	6:26 A.M./8:43 P.M.

POLLUTION INDEX

Location	Carbon Monoxide	Particulates	Ozone
Salt Lake City	20	40	33
S.L. & Davis Co.	22	42	67
Provo	33	33	33
Utah County	11	30	67
Ogden	33	30	33
Weber County			58

Standards	Tomorrow
0-50 Good	Salt Lake City: Good
51-100 Moderate	Weber County: Good
101-200 Unhealthy	Ogden, Provo, S.L. & Davis: Good
201-275 Very Unhealthy	Utah County: Good

UTAH UPDATES

Wasatch Front Weather—575-7669/575-7246
Air Quality—533-7239
Highway Conditions—Statewide—(800) 492-2400
River Recreational Forecast—539-1311

WORLD

Location	Yesterday's Weather	H	L	Summ
Amsterdam	77 54 cld	Jerusalem	82 64 cld	
Athens	91 73 cld	Johannesburg	61 37 cld	
Bangkok	90 77 cld	Kiev	82 61 cld	
Barcelona	86 63 cld	Lima	M M M	
Beijing	84 72 cld	Lisbon	89 64 cld	
Berlin	90 81 cld	London	79 64 cld	
Bombay	91 73 cld	Madrid	99 70 cld	
Buenos Aires	88 63 cld	Manila	90 75 cld	
Budapest	90 61 cld	Mexico City	77 57 cld	
Calgary	78 51 cld	Montreal	65 55 cld	
Cairo	93 73 cld	Moscow	77 50 cld	
Cancun	81 64 cld	Nairobi	68 54 cld	
Copenhagen	66 57 cld	New Delhi	94 80 cld	
Dublin	68 57 cld	Nicosia	93 77 cld	
Frankfurt	62 54 cld	Oslo	73 46 cld	
Geneva	68 64 cld	Paris	88 64 cld	
Havana	87 77 cld	Rio	93 61 cld	
Helsinki	68 59 cld	Rome	97 68 cld	
Hong Kong	90 82 cld	Santiago	61 30 cld	
Istanbul	82 68 cld	Seoul	90 73 cld	
		Singapore	86 77 cld	
		Stockholm	77 55 cld	
		Sydney	62 51 cld	
		Tokyo	90 73 cld	
		Vancouver	83 62 cld	
		Vienna	86 63 cld	
		Warsaw	86 59 cld	

INTERMOUNTAIN

Location	Yesterday's Weather	H	L	Prep
Alta	77 51	Flagstaff	86 50 0.03	
Blanding	M M M	Phoenix	106 85	
Brighton City	95 55	Tucson	100 75 0.23	
Bryce	M M M	COLORADO		
Bullfrog	M M M	Colorado Spgs	91 51	
Capitol Reef	95 68	Denver	88 55	
Cedar City	95 68	Grand Jet	96 61	
Coalville	M M M	IDAHO		
Delta	M M M	Boise	102 67	
Elmore	96 61	Coeur d'Alene	98 60	
Flamingo City	M M M	Idaho Falls	96 53	
Green River	M M M	Lewiston	103 70	
Hanksville	105 57	Pocatello	99 56	
Heber City	M M M	Rexburg	95 54	
Helper	93 63	Twin Falls	100 62	
Kanab	M M M	MONTANA		
Logan	96 52	Billings	88 60 T	
Midway	93 44	Great Falls	86 55	
Midvale	97 52	Helena	92 53	
Monticello	86 53	Missoula	98 57	
Nephi	97 53	NEVADA		
Ogden	95 65	Ely	93 54	
Price	M M M	Las Vegas	107 85	
Provo	100 57	Reno	99 54	
Randolph	85 58	NEW MEXICO		
Richfield	94 50	Albuquerque	83 59 0.53	
Roosevelt	99 47	Santa Fe	84 54	
Salt Lake	99 65	WYOMING		
Spanish Fork	96 59	Cheyenne	85 53	
St. George	107 70	Evansville	M M M	
Tooele	96 63	Laramie	81 45 0.07	
Vernal	94 49	Rock Springs	85 55	
Wendover	98 68	Yellowstone	70 45	
Zion NP	102 68	M—Missing	T—Trace	

ELSEWHERE IN U.S.

Location	Yesterday	H	L	Today	Forecast
Anchorage	63 50	63	52	shw	
Atlanta	85 67	85	64	shw	
Atlanta City	80 63 0.28	80	63	shw	
Austin	95 74	95	74	ptcl	
Birmingham	84 68	85	63	shw	
Bismarck	84 55 0.02	77	51	ptcl	
Boston	76 67 0.43	85	64	shw	
Buffalo	73 53 0.06	77	60	ptcl	
Charlotte	86 71	84	65	ptcl	
Chicago	78 58	84	61	shw	
Cincinnati	77 52	81	54	shw	
Cleveland	78 50	81	57	shw	
Columbus	71 59	81	57	shw	
Dallas	94 71 0.05	95	73	ptcl	
Des Moines	80 55	82	63	ptcl	
Detroit	78 53	83	59	ptcl	
El Paso	83 65 0.09	94	64	ptcl	
Fairbanks	76 52	71	50	ptcl	
Fargo	84 59	75	53	ptcl	
Grand Rapids	77 55	81	61	shw	
Hartford	76 62 0.16	84	57	shw	
Honolulu	89 78	90	76	shw	
Houston	95 74	93	74	ptcl	
Indianapolis	76 53	83	56	shw	
Jackson, MS	91 69	88	67	shw	
Kansas City	80 58	85	62	ptcl	
Little Rock	85 66	88	66	ptcl	
Los Angeles	89 69	90	70	haze	
Louisville	80 60	82	58	shw	
Memphis	86 67	87	65	ptcl	
Miami	89 80	92	77	ptcl	
Minneapolis	80 60	81	64	ptcl	
Minneapolis	84 63 0.36	78	62	shw	
Nashville	82 62	85	59	ptcl	
New Orleans	91 73 0.07	91	73	shw	
New York	80 63 0.16	85	65	shw	
Oakland	81 68 1.05	92	70	ptcl	
Oklahoma City	81 59	84	64	ptcl	
Omaha	75 63	80	64	ptcl	
Orlando	75 63	80	64	ptcl	
Philadelphia	80 63 0.06	85	60	shw	
Pittsburgh	76 52	80	55	shw	
Portland, ME	73 61 0.61	82	55	shw	
Portland	74 58	80	58	ptcl	
Richmond	80 63	84	57	shw	
Sacramento	96 56	97	58	shw	
San Antonio	95 74	96	75	ptcl	
San Diego	78 68	80	69	ptcl	
San Francisco	72 55	75	56	ptcl	
Seattle	68 58	72	56	moist	
Sioux Falls	83 59	82	59	ptcl	
St. Louis	81 59	85	62	ptcl	
Spokane	99 65	95	65	shw	
Tampa	91 74 1.22	91	76	ptcl	
Tulsa	80 65 0.03	82	69	ptcl	
Washington	80 64	83	63	shw	
Wichita	75 61 0.49	93	65	ptcl	
Wilmington	79 62 0.04	82	57	shw	

Group Guides Vietnam Vets Through VA-Benefits Maze

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Orange Class Assistance Program.

Mr. Thornton has been through a lot since then. Now, collecting payments for total disability, he wants to help other veterans unravel the mysteries of the Veterans Administration bureaucracy so they, too, may receive financial and therapeutic help.

From the Agent Orange assistance program alone, a veteran can receive up to \$12,800 a year. Post-traumatic stress disorder is also a compensable disability with the VA.

In his Murray apartment, Mr. Thornton points to inch-thick files of documents required for veterans' compensation for Agent Orange victims and post-traumatic stress sufferers. It's no wonder many veterans don't go after what they deserve, he says.

"Half of the Vietnam veterans don't know what the hell is available to them," says Mr. Thornton. "Most veterans don't know where to go, what benefits are available. They don't know what the VA can do for them."

So about a month ago, he enlisted as a volunteer at the Cottage Program, a drug and alcohol program that has received Agent Orange compensation grants to help veterans.

"I have everything to make it work for them," he says. His education and fearlessness in the face of reams of complicated forms—coupled with the fact that he has time on his hands—make him the ideal volunteer.

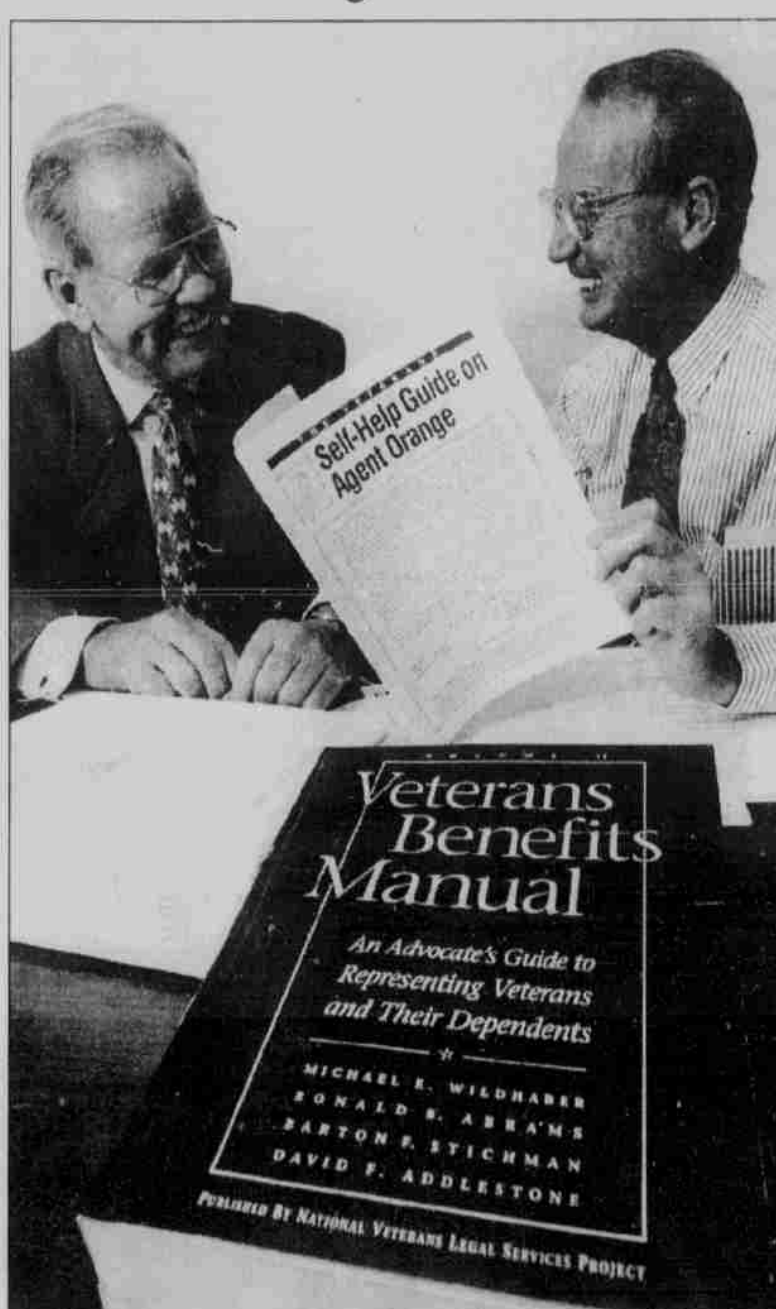
"We work together with Chuck," says Bernie Boswell, executive director of the Cottage Program, 57 W. South Temple, Suite 420, in Salt Lake City. "He has been absolutely invaluable as a volunteer."

For example, Mr. Thornton put together a manual that covers all aspects of what veterans' entitlements are and how to get them.

"He has done enough of it for us to make a real impact on the Vietnam veteran," says Mr. Boswell.

That's not easy. Vietnam veterans generally mistrust anything associated with the VA system, Mr. Thornton says.

One of the Cottage Program's staffers, Mitch Godfrey, scours the homeless shelters and hobo camps to find veterans who could benefit from the \$165,000 that



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Bernie Boswell, left, runs the Cottage Program, where he and volunteer Charles Thornton, right, help Vietnam veterans wade through the paperwork to get compensation in Agent Orange cases.

the Cottage Program is granted each year as part of the Agent Orange assistance program. The only other grantee in Utah is at Utah State University.

But the money runs out Dec. 31, 1994, so Mr. Thornton, Mr. Boswell and Mr. Godfrey are staging a frontal assault to get everyone eligible signed up for what they deserve.

The Cottage Program also uses the money to help veterans' families. Survivors may be eligible for some of the funds, Mr. Thornton explains.

Anyone who thinks they might

be eligible can reach Mr. Thornton through the Cottage Program. Also, those who feel they might know someone else who could benefit is encouraged to contact the program.

On Aug. 26, a regional conference for Agent Orange assistance program will begin at Salt Lake City's Red Lion Hotel to train grantees how to help Vietnam veterans. Case management, advocacy and family-skills training will be included, Mr. Boswell says.

An Aug. 27 session of the three-day conference will be open to the public.

Principal Plans to Scrap Old System, Start From Scratch

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said. "A lot of community members have expertise in the real world that students need to see." Students observing real people in the workplace, from artists to zoologists, is essential for a relevant education, he said.

Learning projects: Students will have the opportunity to develop self-tailored educational ventures involving all aspects of learning. For example, a student might choose to study and write about marathon running. The stu-

dent could spend a quarter researching all areas on the topic, including proper nutrition, skeletal structure of the legs, history of the marathon, and then write it on a word processor for credit.

Early graduation: "If a student is qualified and we can no longer stimulate him, then we need to get him out of here and into a place where he can learn." Students should be able to work at their own pace. When they are ready for college, let them go.

And the school itself is in question. "Students shouldn't keep their noses in dull textbooks when

they can learn more in the real textbook—our community."

He envisions a close working relationship between Highland and area businesses so students can apply what they learn.

Salt Lake Board of Education President Alan Mecham said Mr. Schackett's background in restructuring was part of the reason for his selection as Highland's new principal.

"Education seems to be floundering in the past 10 or 20 years," he said. "There is a lot of feeling that something must change."

Great Salt Lake Is Now Officially a Place for the Birds

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and Argentina have waters designated as sites of hemispheric importance.

Salt-water expert Joseph Jehl, director of Research for the Hubbs-Sea World Research Institute, said the Great Salt Lake—where 36 species of shorebirds have been identified—is perhaps the most diverse ecosystem of its kind in the world.

But, as George Finney, chairman of the Western Shorebird Reserve Network Council said,

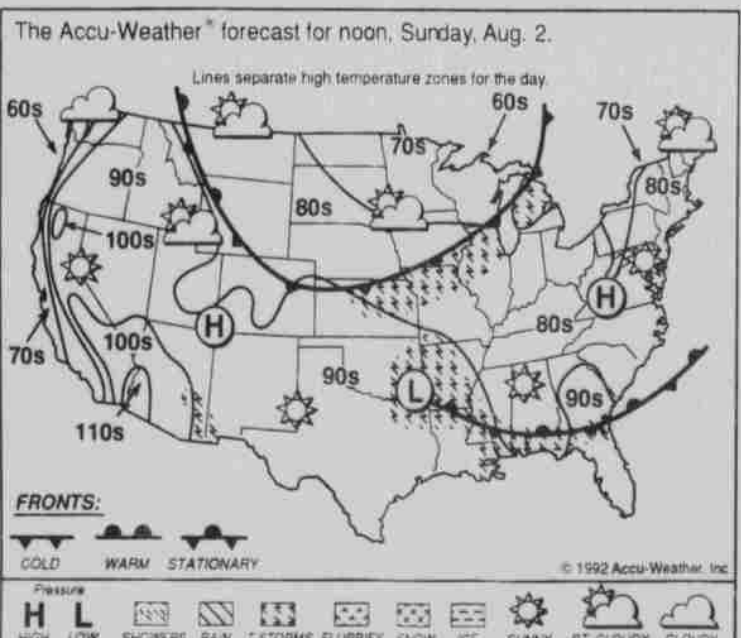
each site plays a key role in hosting millions of long-distance migrants.

"Every site is a treasure," he said. "Some shorebirds travel from the Arctic all the way to southern South America. They are dependent on these refueling stops. Each site is important to the survival of a species."

Because the Great Salt Lake is now a site of hemispheric importance and part of a larger world family of shorebird sites, each speaker stressed the importance of preserving it.

"This is a 1,500-square-mile refueling depot for birds," said Don Paul, chief of information for the Division of Wildlife Resources and one of Utah's premier experts on Great Salt Lake shorebirds. "Its one-half million acres of wetlands are part of this flight path. We have a moral and ethical obligation to protect this special place."

As families gathered for a day of field trips to other Great Salt Lake marshes, and young children discovered the joy of watching birds, most agreed with that assessment.



U.S. SUMMARY

Hot weather will stay in the interior West for the next several days as a sprawling high pressure center which extends to 40,000 feet over Utah remains strong.

The clockwise flow around the high will help direct very cool air from central Canada toward the Great Lakes and, by mid-week, into the interior Northeast.

Meanwhile, the abundant flow of moisture into the Ohio Valley has diminished, so any showers the next couple of days will be scattered.

A strong cold front will deliver another surge of unseasonably cold air to the northern Plains and northern Great Lakes.

Since the moisture supply is limited, most of the showers across the region today will produce less than 0.25 inches of rain. Gusty winds from the north will develop in the wake of the front. Isolated frost will

occur in northern Minnesota overnight. Partly to mostly sunny and warm weather will cover a large area from Tennessee and Ohio River Valleys to southern New England. Clouds and a few showers will develop this afternoon from northern Illinois to northern New England as the cold front approaches from the Great Lakes States.

As the front moves into the Northeast on Monday, it will begin to gather additional moisture, producing a mainly cloudy day with showers in the interior. In the Southeast, scattered thunderstorms will form in the sultry air within 150 miles of the coast. The interior will be mainly sunny and warm with moderate humidity.

A jet stream disturbance will contribute to strong slow-moving thunderstorms